ever studied reathematics. 'No," answered the boatman.

Then half your life is lost," replied the philosopher.

A short time after a sudden gust from the mountain upset the boat. "Can you swim?" shouted the boat-

man, as they both floundered in the water. "No, I can't !" exclaimed the philo;

"Then the whole of your life is lost," responded the man, as he selfishly struck out for the shore, leaving the philoso pher to his fate.

he did not know how many eggs should be put into an omelet.

those condemned to the guillotine, field from Paris. Impelled by hunger, he omelet. The philosopher was a man of almost universal information, but, unfortunately, he knew nothing of the composition of this simple dish,

"How many eggs would you like it. your omelet?" asked the inn-keeper. "A dozen," answered the ignorant philosopher, not knowing that he was

ordering enough for three or four men. The landlord's suspicions were aroused. A man asking for an omelet of a dozen eggs must be an aristocrat. The stranger's passport was demanded, He had none.

'Who are you?" demanded the host "I am a carpenter, seeking work," said Condorcet.

'Your hands give the lie to your words," replied the inn-keeper, pointing to his guest's delicate, clean hands,

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